Creation of Special Tourism Areas in Different Siates

4111. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to -stats,:

(a) whether Government have created special tourism areas in different States;

(b) whether any such area has been identified in Orissa;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the fund earmarked for the infrastructured development of those areas during Ninth Plan; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) to (c) The National Action Plan on Tourism identified five Special Tourism Areas including Puri in Orissa. For the devleopment of infratmcture in Puri Special Tourism Areas, the Government of Orissa has constituted a Speical Tourism Area Authority under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary.

(d) and (e) For the development of Special Tourism Areas in the country the Department of Tourism has made a budget provision of Rs. 2.00 crores during 1997-98. The allocation for Ninth Plan is not finalised.

Study Report of Area Development Plan for the Infrastructure Development of Kutch District in Gujarat

4112. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Gujarat have submitted the study Report on area development plan for the infrastructure development of Kutch District for promotion of tourism in the area;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mandavi an unknown destination rich in archaeology, craft goods, un-explored sea beach is an ideal place for youth tourism:

(c) if so, whether the Central Government have studied the report; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and by when the project is likely to be sanctioned for development of tourism there?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) to (d) The Area Development Plan brepared by Government of Gujarat has iaentified projects in Kutch for infrastructure development for promotion of Tourism in the area. These projects include tourist facilities, hotels, museums, handicraft village, etc. For the development of Mandavi, the Government of Gujarat has identified projects amounting to Rs. 2355.00 lakhs for private sector investment. These projects are development of health farms, resorts, sea cruises and a multicuisine restaurant and pedal boat facility etc.

The implementation of the Plan over a period of time is the responsibility of the State Government. Central financial assistance is provided to identified projects every year on the basis of receipt of specific proposals, merits of the projects, availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

International Tourist Centres in the Country

4113. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of International Tourist Centres we have in our country,

(b) what is the criteria to declare a Tourist place, as International Tourist Centre; and

(c) the number of New International Tourist Centres are being opened in the coming months?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OP TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) to

(c) Though there are a large number of places in the country visited by the international tourist, there is no system of declaring places as international tourist centres. The identification and development of centres of tourist importance is a continuous process and primarily the responsibility of the State/ Union Territory Governments. The Department of Tourism extends Central financial assistance to State Governments to develop tourism infrastructure on the basis of proposals received from them, the availability of funds and the inter-se-priority of the projects.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

II. Export and Import Policy (1st April, 1997—31st March, 2002)

III. Handbook of Procedures (Volume I, 1st April, 1997—31st March, 2002)

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Sir, I lay on the Table-

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, under sub-section (3) of Section 8 of the Cinematograph Act, 1952:—

(1) G.S.R. No. 173(E), dated the 25th march, 1997, publishing the Cinematograph . (Certification) .(Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(2) G.S.R. No. 207(E), dated the 10th April, 1997, publishing the Cinematograph (Certification) (Second Amendment) Rules, 1997.

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[The Deputy Chairman in *the Chair]*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, number two.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Madam, not "Sir".

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: The transition took place so imperceptibly, Madam, that my oversight may be overlooked. Number two, as I promised in the House yesterday in response to a point made by alert hon. Members, I am also laying on the table of the House, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the Export and Import Policy (1st April, 1997—31st March, 2002).

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You are laying papers for the next century also... *(interrtuptions)...*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, it will go into the next millennium. And, I am also laying on the Table a Handbook of Procedures (Volume I, 1st April, 1997—21st March, 2002).

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THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMEN TARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): Madam, I lay on the Table, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Department of Tourism) and India Tourism Development Corporation Limited, for the year 1997-98.

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I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Gujarat Cancer and Research Institute (M.P. Shah Cancer Hospital), Ahmedabad and related papers

II. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the Regional Cancer Centre, Thimvananthapuram and related papers

III. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Kidwai Memorial Institute of Oncology, Bangalore and related papers

IV. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Central Council for Research in Unani Medicine, New Delhi and related papers